

Fresno City Council approves Thursday meetings

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City Council approved moving council meeting days from Tuesday to Thursday in a 5-1 vote this afternoon.

The change in date is designed to provide City Council members, staff and stakeholders more time to review, deliberate and address public issues going before the City Council prior to the Council voting.

Currently, Council members receive their agenda packets on the Friday evening prior to the Tuesday vote, allowing only one business day for community concerns to be addressed. With the change, council members, staff, and interested parties now have three business days to review materials prior to the City Council taking action.

Acting Council President Paul Caprioglio explained that, "this resolution provides council additional time to gather information, digest the material and meet with City staff on agenda items."

Councilmember Andreas Borgeas stated that, "by moving our meeting date we give the community at large and councilmembers more adequate time to understand issues and pose questions on items that affect their community and stakeholders. This is a positive change across the board."

Council reports are still available online the Friday evening prior to the Council meeting.

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